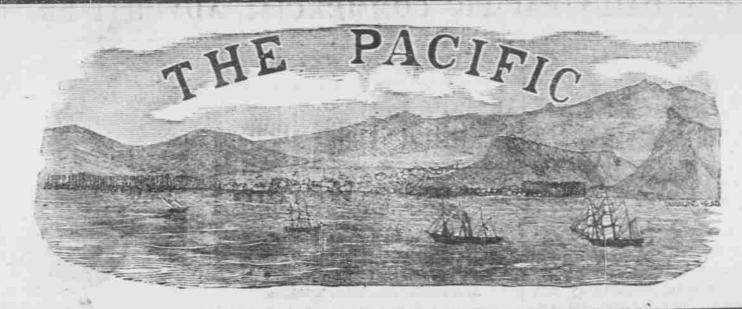
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#### Social Tortures-The Infant.



Man, as a social being, at a tender age begins to be the victim of the thoughtlessness, curiosity and cruelty of his fellow beings. Ill-placed and murderous pins, lacerate his tender flesh; his "crying for the light" is misunderstood and anathematized, instead of calling forth kind pity as the wail of a dumb and belpless animal should.

His fresh, young palate is contaminated with sour milk; he is swathed in uncomfortable, ill-fitting garments, made by maiden aunts, not for him, but for the ideal, archetypal infant, which existed only in the minds of the well-intentioned needle-women, and each maiden aunt of necessity had a distinct type of baby in her eye. Pause for a moment, pray, and imagine the discomfort of wearing garments, made at different periods of time, by various amateur tailors, who have never seen you. To a hardy, vigorous man this would be painful in the extreme; to a weak, puny infant it must be absolute torture, when at the same time the child's teech are sprouting through its inflamed gums, and its cheeks are covered

thick with a rash. Leaving out of consideration the fact that the child is clad with "misfits," how his sensitive feelings must be harassed when his grandmother, aunts and other female relatives surround him, crying out as one wo-



"Keetcher, Keetcher, Keetcherf" "Now, who does he look like?" When his batchelor uncle presents his watch to him to be blown open by his tired lungs, and his father, proud of his offspring, makes hideous faces at him. Think of the misery of the little being fresh from the angels; in a hot room, under the blankets, left to the tender mercy of a stout monthly nurse, hardened by contact with a constant succession of such little angels.

These trials through, our mannikin is put | OFFICE HOURS: into short clothes, these a legacy from his elder brother. Now, his serious tortures begin. His eldest brother taunts him with wearing cast-off clothing, and feeding him with copper cents; or mayhap allows him to play with the big Noah's ark, and the artless creature, feeling his way into the realities of the world, sucks the purple paint from the camels, and the red and yel low spots from the tigers and guinea pigs. His nose is thereupon held by merciless hands and a nauseous draught administered to him. The way and wherefore of this is never explained to him; an ex parte hearing is held, and on the evidence of the elder brother, the criminal, and the real testimony of the paint smears upon the little rose-bud of a mouth, judgment is delivered and executed before any one can say 'Jack



A nauseous draught is administered. And now he has begun to talk; and therefore his female relatives above-mentioned. instead of giving him the example of sensible and pure "English undefiled," inundate him with a flood of baby talk. He is encouraged to bring himself into ridicule by calling a horse a "go-go," his father "du-de," and a locomotive "chew-chew."

Every new-comer asks him to say who she may be, as if the little chap cared a button, and when the badly-taught tongue stumbles the ill-bred grown up people roar with laughter at the mistake. Can we wonder that the mortality among

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